## LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

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## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 6775 DATE PREPARED:** Dec 12, 2000

BILL NUMBER: HB 1774 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Various Election Law Matters.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

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Summary of Legislation: The bill makes the following changes in election law: (1) Provides that a person is not disqualified from serving as a precinct election official because the person is related to a candidate in that precinct, if the candidate is unopposed. (2) Requires that voter registration forms must contain the last four digits of a voter's Social Security number. (3) Establishes deadlines for candidate challenges. (4) Specifies when a candidate's committee statement of organization is to be filed. (5) Specifies that write-in candidates are required to file all campaign finance reports. (6) Provides that the certification of a local public question for placement on a special election ballot must occur not later than noon on the date required by the statute authorizing the public question or 30 days after the event requiring certification, if the statute authorizing the public question does not specify a date. (7) Revises language regarding ballot card colors. (8) Resolves a conflict in statutes regarding public access to election materials. (9) Makes technical changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (2) Currently the voter registration form requests the Social Security number of an individual as allowed under the federal Privacy Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 552a). A space is provided on the voter registration form for this information.

This bill requires an applicant to provide the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number on a voter registration form. This provision will require a change in the current form. The cost of changing and printing the form can be done within the current budget.

(1), (3) - (9). No fiscal impact.

## **Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (3), (6), (7), and (9) apply to a county election and have no fiscal

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impact to the county election board.

## **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

<u>State Agencies Affected:</u> Indiana Election Commission; Election Division of the Secretary of State's Office.

**<u>Local Agencies Affected:</u>** County Election Boards.

**Information Sources:** 

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